



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Carol J. Lewis
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West Palm Beach, Florida 33413-2230

RE: MUR 4646

Dear Ms. Lewis:

On April 28, 1998, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that you violated 2 U.S.C. § 441f. On May 11, 1998, you submitted, via facsimile, a written request for pre-probable cause conciliation. By letter dated May 29, 1998, you requested a waiver of confidentiality pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A). This letter constitutes the Commission's response to both of those requests.

A. Conciliation

In response to your first request, on June 23, 1998, the Commission determined to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 30 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible.

B. Confidentiality

Your letter indicates that you wish to waive your right to confidentiality as to the Commission's investigation into your violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441f and further requests that the Commission waive its privilege for confidentiality in connection with its attempts to conciliate with you regarding this matter.

The Commission acknowledges your waiver pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A). Pursuant to that waiver, the Commission will neither place documents on the public record nor issue a public announcement regarding your involvement in this matter. Instead, the Commission will consider requests for information concerning this matter subject to the following considerations. First, requests for documents must be in writing. Second, such

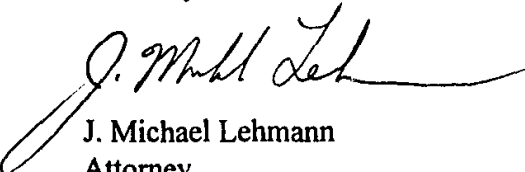
requests will be considered by the Commission subject to the provisions of all relevant statutes and regulations, such as the Freedom of Information Act and the Government in Sunshine Act, and all relevant privileges which limit or preclude the release of such requested information.

Please note that this waiver pertains to information concerning you alone, and does not pertain to any other respondents in this matter. Thus, you may not disclose any information pertaining to the other respondents in this matter until notified by the Commission that the entire file in this matter is closed.

With regard to your request that the Commission waive confidentiality as to information and actions taken in connection with any conciliation attempts pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437(a)(4)(B)(i), the Commission has determined not to waive its privilege for confidentiality. Accordingly, all actions taken pursuant to conciliation and any information derived in connection with any conciliation attempts remain confidential.

If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the enclosed agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



J. Michael Lehmann
Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement